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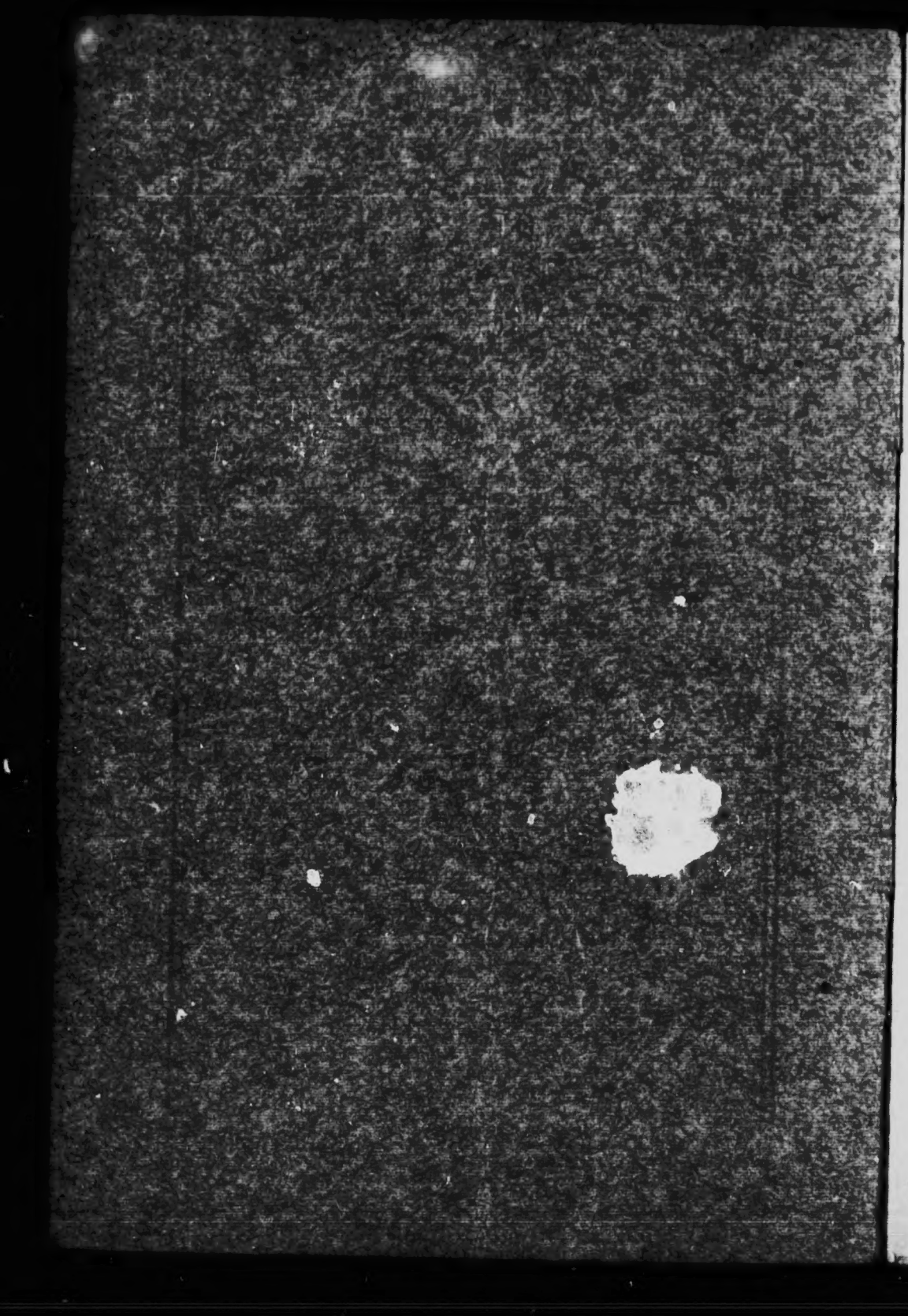


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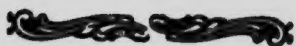
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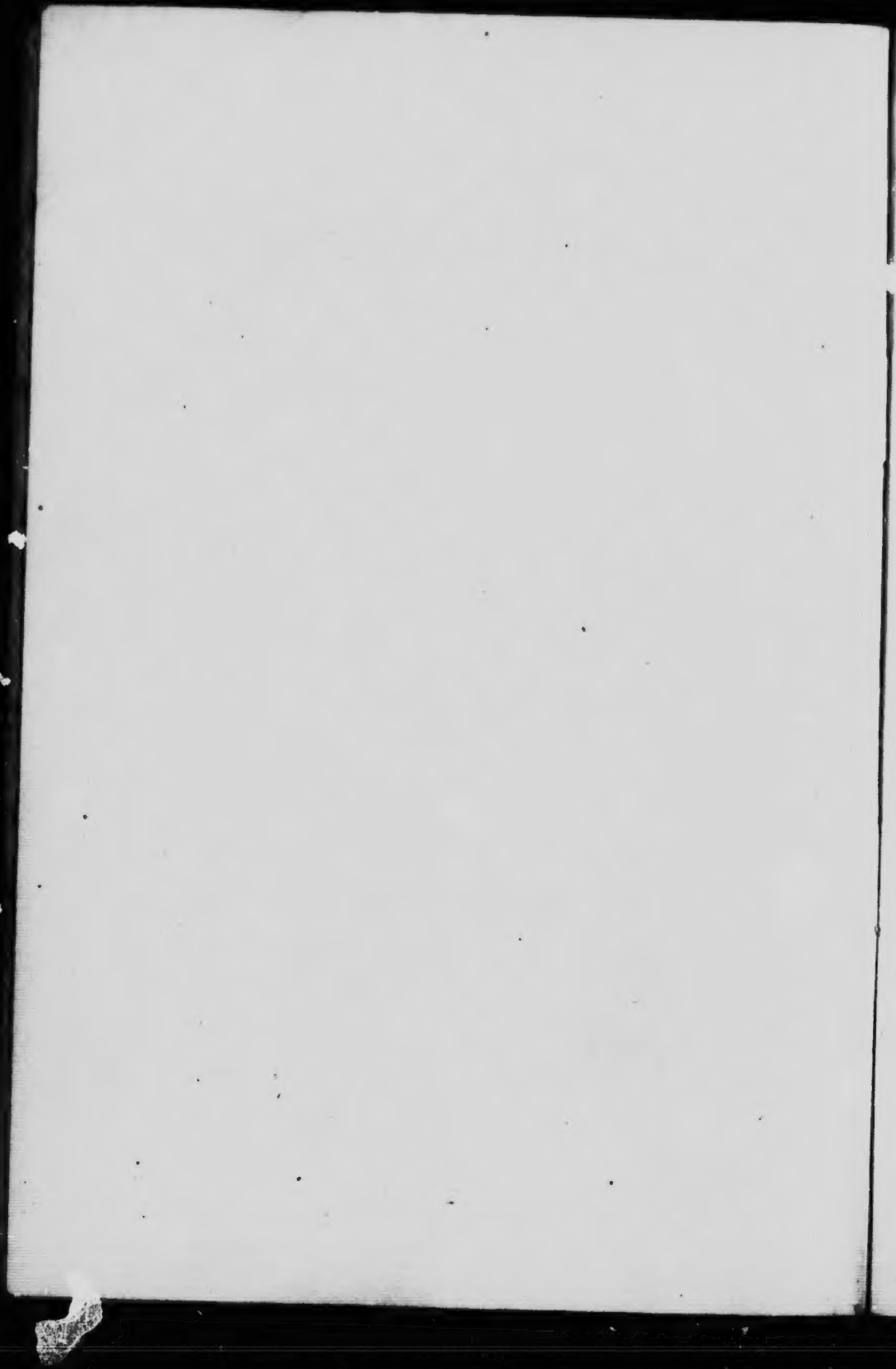
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—OF—

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Society of
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Constitution and By-Laws

I.

Name.—The name of this Institution shall be The British Columbia Society of Fine Arts.

II.

Objects.—The objects of the Society shall be:

- (a) To bring together artists and those interested in art;
- (b) The holding of public exhibitions of art work;
- (c) To stimulate an interest in art among the community of British Columbia.

III.

Location.—The Headquarters of the Society shall be in the City of Vancouver, B. C.

IV.

Membership.—The Society shall be composed of forty members and of annual subscribers. Members shall be painters, sculptors, architects, artistic engravers and draughtsmen-designers residing in British Columbia. No applicant may be nominated for membership who has not exhibited original work at a regular exhibition of the Society and who has not been a bona fide resident of British Columbia for a period of six months.

Annual subscribers shall pay a subscription of Five Dollars per annum.

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V.

Officers.—The Officers shall consist of an Honorary President, two Honorary Vice-Presidents, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, and an Executive Committee, composed of five elected members.

There shall also be seven Patrons, who, with the above officers, shall be elected annually.

It shall be the duty of one of the Vice-Presidents to preside at all meetings, but if both be absent, a Chairman shall be chosen from among the members present.

The Vice-Presidents shall, unless excluded by resolution, be ex-officio members of all committees.

The Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the Society, which are to be deposited to the credit of the Society, in chartered banks of the Province, and only paid out on cheques signed by him and one of the Vice-Presidents.

The Secretary shall perform all the duties usual to his office.

VI.

Duties of Executive Committee.—The Executive Committee shall have power to appoint any necessary sub-committees.

They shall be empowered to fill any vacancy on the committee until the next annual general meeting.

They shall have power to hold meetings and to conduct all business in connection with the Society's work and objects, other than those which belong to the general meetings.

They shall pass accounts and give instruction for the payment of the same.

They shall draw up rules and regulations for the conducting of the exhibitions.

VII.

Auditor.—Two Auditors shall be elected, who shall audit the accounts and report thereon on March 1st of each year.

VIII.

Meetings.—The General Annual Meeting for the election of Officers, reading of Vice-Presidents' and Treasurer's Reports and transaction of other business, shall be held during the first week of the annual exhibition.

The Half-Yearly Meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday of November, for the appointment of the Hanging Committee of

the Annual Exhibition, election of new members, and such general business as may be necessary, the nature of such business to be previously stated.

One of the Vice-Presidents shall call an extraordinary general meeting of the Society at any time, upon the written request of five members of the Society.

The Secretary shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee at any time, upon the written request of any three members of the committee.

Meetings of sub-committees shall be called by the Secretary on the request of one of the Vice-Presidents.

IX.

Elections.—Nominations of new members signed by proposer and seconder, who must be members of the Society, shall be sent to the Secretary not later than 30 days before the meeting at which the elections are held.

Election of members shall be by ballot. Three black balls shall negative an election.

All officers are to be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these officers may be made up to the hour appointed for the meeting. Should any vacancy occur during the year, it shall be filled by election by ballot at a special meeting called for that purpose, provided that at

least a fortnight's notice be given of the vacancy proposed to be filled at such meeting.

The election of members shall take place at either the annual or the half-yearly meeting.

X

Responsibilities of Members.—Any member whose fees are two years in arrear, and who has failed to submit pictures for the Annual Exhibition for two successive years, shall cease to be a member, and his name shall be taken off the roll.

In case of any conduct on the part of any member which, in the opinion of the Society, may endanger the good order, welfare or character of the Society, his name shall be erased from the roll of membership by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a special meeting, due notice having been sent to the member one month before the final action of the Society.

XI.

Annual Exhibition.—The Annual Exhibition shall be held in one of the first four months of each year and shall consist of original works by members and non-members which have not been publicly exhibited in the City of Vancouver. At the discretion of the Society, expressed in general meeting, other exhibitions may be arranged for later in the year.

XII.

Privileges of Subscribers.—Each subscriber of \$5 per annum shall be entitled to season tickets for himself and two friends to the regular exhibitions of the Society, and to any subsidiary functions (such as musicales or conversaciones) that may take place under its auspices.



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Written notice shall be sent by the Secretary to all members of the time and place of each meeting, sufficiently in advance of the time to enable them to attend.

I.

The order of business at meetings shall be as follows:—

1. Signing of names by members present in the book kept for that purpose.
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
3. Reading of minutes of Executive Committee.
4. Correspondence read and considered.
5. Accounts.
6. New members proposed.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. General business.
11. Election of officers.
12. Election of members.

II.

Quorum.—At meetings of the Society for the transaction of ordinary business, seven members shall be a quorum.

At meetings of the Executive Committee, five shall be a quorum.

At meetings of committees, three shall be a quorum.

Motions.—All motions must be in writing, with the names of the mover and seconder, and be decided by a majority of members present, ascertained by show of hands, the Chairman having a casting vote.

IV.

Questions of Order.—All questions of order shall be decided by the Chairman, but any member present may appeal from his ruling, in which case the question shall be put without debate: "Shall the ruling of the Chairman be sustained?" and decided in favor of the majority.

V.

Admission.—The Secretary shall notify each candidate of his or her admission as a member of the Society, sending a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, and on receipt of the fee for the current year, the name of the candidate shall be placed on the roll.

VI.

Defaulting Members.—The Secretary shall, if possible, notify any member who has not sent pictures to the Annual Exhibition, or paid his annual fee when due, and call his attention to Article X. of the Constitution.

VII.

Exhibitions.—No member shall be entitled to submit or exhibit more than ten pictures for the Annual Exhibition (miniatures excepted). Not more than three portrait pictures shall be exhibited by one artist.

Non-members shall not submit more than five pictures for exhibition, subject to selection by the Hanging Committee.

The Hanging and Selection Committee shall be composed of five members of the Society, to be elected at the half-yearly meeting.

A commission of fifteen per cent. shall be charged on the catalogue price of all sales of pictures by non-members.

All works intended for exhibition must be sent to the Society's room unpacked and free of any expense to the Society. At the conclusion of the exhibition they must be removed at the expense of the exhibitor.

At the back of each frame must be written the name and address of the artist, the subject of the picture, and if for sale, the

price. This information, with the exception of the address, must also be repeated with great distinctness and accuracy on a label attached by a string to the top of each frame and made to hang over the front. These labels to be had on application to the Secretary.

The Society will not hold itself responsible for any injury which works of art accidentally sustain, by fire or otherwise, while in the Society's possession.

No person shall be permitted to enter the place of exhibition while it is in charge of the Hanging Committee or Committee of Selection. And no one but a member of the Society shall be allowed to be present during the meetings of the Society.

IX.

Alteration of Constitution or By-Laws.—
The Constitution and By-Laws may be altered at a special meeting of the Society called for that purpose, when approved by a two-thirds majority of the members present, notice of the proposed alteration having been given at a previous meeting of the Executive Committee, and stated in a circular which the members shall receive at least one month before the special meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

Vancouver, B. C., February, 1909.

